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In re: Christophe Maleville et al.

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QUALITY USEFUL LAYER ON A  
SUBSTRATE

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of a search report received in applicants' corresponding Australian patent application, which lists four (4) references. Three references, namely the three Japanese abstracts, were not previously cited during the prosecution of this application. Copies of the abstracts and the full Japanese patent applications upon which they are based are enclosed. In addition, the Chinese equivalent to U.S. patent 6,486,008 was cited during the prosecution of the corresponding Taiwanese patent application. These four references were reviewed by the applicants and their attorneys and were found to not be material to the patentability of the claims. It is respectfully requested, therefore, that the search report and this letter simply be placed into the file of this application.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.

Respectfully submitted,

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